

House Resolution

No. 80

Introduced by Assembly Member Wesson

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House Resolution No. 80—Relative to commending the Honorable Dick Dickerson.

1 WHEREAS, The tenure of the Honorable Dick Dickerson with
2 the California State Assembly is drawing to a close following four
3 years of exemplary service, and it is appropriate at this time to
4 highlight the many achievements of his illustrious tenure and to
5 extend to him the highest commendations of the people of the
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson was elected to the California State
8 Assembly in 1998 to represent the 2nd District, which includes the
9 Northern California counties of Colusa, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou,
10 Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and parts of Butte and Yolo; and

11 WHEREAS, A former 30-year law enforcement officer, Dick
12 Dickerson brought common sense experience to office and
13 became a voice for crime victims during his first term as Vice
14 Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Public Safety; and

15 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson served as Vice Chair of the
16 Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife during both of
17 his terms in the Assembly, and in negotiations with the Governor
18 during his first term, Assembly Member Dickerson secured \$20
19 million to complete studies on above-ground water storage as a
20 major concession for the legislative passage of the Water Bond;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson has been a staunch supporter of
2 the proposed Sites Reservoir within Colusa County and raised
3 awareness among the Members of the Legislature that additional
4 storage is needed to meet the water supply needs of a growing state,
5 and along with the Northern California Water Association, he was
6 successful in pushing forward the audit of California's land
7 acquisition policies; and

8 WHEREAS, During his two consecutive terms in the Assembly,
9 Dick Dickerson retained a seat on the Assembly Committee on
10 Natural Resources, one that is so essential to the region's way of
11 life, and he has authored legislation to remove vegetation that has
12 become hazardous fuel so it can be used as energy-producing
13 biomass; and

14 WHEREAS, As a member of the Assembly Committee on
15 Budget specializing in the resources area, Assembly Member
16 Dickerson obtained \$4.58 million in the budget act for the
17 California Department of Forestry and the Department of
18 Corrections to pay for the reactivation of fire crews with
19 nonviolent inmates at 17 Conservation Camps throughout
20 California, and these inmates have been utilized for assistance with
21 fighting fires, energy flood work, and environmental restoration,
22 with seven of these camps in Northern California and five located
23 within Assembly Member Dickerson's district; and

24 WHEREAS, Sitting on the most committees of any other
25 Republican member, Dick Dickerson's committee assignments
26 throughout his term in office include Chairman of the Assembly
27 Committee on Veterans Affairs, Vice Chair of the Committee on
28 Water, Parks & Wildlife, and member of the Natural Resources,
29 Public Safety, Budget, Governmental Organization, Insurance,
30 Health, and Energy Costs & Availability committees; and

31 WHEREAS, In the wake of the September 11 tragedy, he was
32 appointed to the Task Force on Terrorism; and

33 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson has served on nine select
34 committees, including CALFED, Juvenile Justice, Air & Water
35 Quality, California Indian Nations, California Wine, Protection of
36 Inland Waterways, Rural Economic Development, Department of
37 Motor Vehicles, and Gun Violence; and

38 WHEREAS, A total of 20 bills authored by Dick Dickerson
39 have been enacted during his term, and the 2001 legislative year
40 was particularly successful, with seven bills signed into law by



1 Governor Gray Davis, including legislation to increase the
2 presence of deputies and firefighters on our streets and in our
3 communities, to enhance the protection of children from
4 molesters, and to provide assistance for olive growers in their
5 battle against the olive fruit fly; and also pursuant to legislation
6 authored by Assembly Member Dickerson a rice industry
7 certification system was created that is allowing California
8 farmers to compete globally, and local transportation dollars are
9 now being returned to counties that incur savings on their
10 construction projects; and

11 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson proved to be an effective
12 negotiator in the 2001 budget discussions, securing \$8 million for
13 the economic recovery in the Klamath Basin, a permanent sales tax
14 exemption on agriculture and forestry equipment and parts, a
15 permanent tax exemption on propane and ag diesel, \$500,000 of
16 ongoing funding for rural county sheriff's departments, \$70
17 million in tax relief for senior citizens, and \$40 million in school
18 equalization funding; and

19 WHEREAS, The numerous awards and commendations he has
20 received throughout his tenure in the Assembly attest to his stellar
21 record of public service, the most recent being Awards of
22 Appreciation from the Far West Equipment Dealers Association,
23 Klamath Basin Water Users Association, and Rice Producers of
24 California; and

25 WHEREAS, Dick Dickerson has been married for 22 years to
26 his wife, Betty, and their blended family includes four children,
27 Laurie Steele, Scott Dickerson, Scott Smithson, and Karrie
28 Haynes, his niece, Julie McClean, and 8 grandchildren; and

29 WHEREAS, Through his public service activities Dick
30 Dickerson has made a significant impact on the people of the 2nd
31 Assembly District and throughout the state, and he will be greatly
32 missed by those individuals with whom he has been associated;
33 now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
35 Members express their commendations and appreciation to their
36 colleague, the Honorable Dick Dickerson, for his outstanding
37 record of dedicated service to his constituents and to all of the

- 1 people of California, and convey to him best wishes for every
- 2 success in his future endeavors.

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